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HOUSE BILL 991

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS; PROHIBITING CERTAIN  
DEPARTMENTS FROM ENTERING INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS  
FOR LOBBYING UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 9 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] LOBBYING CONTRACTS PROHIBITED WITHOUT  
LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION.--Unless specifically authorized by  
the legislature, neither a department created in Chapter 9 NMSA  
1978 nor an official of any such department shall enter into a  
professional services contract under which a person is paid to  
engage in lobbying activities on behalf of the department or  
the official. As used in this section, "lobbying" means  
attempting to influence a decision related to any matter to be

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